



Sachem Youth Baseball/Softball Association, Inc.
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Dear Friends:

In less than four month, Sachem Youth Baseball/Softball will host the Cal Ripken World Series for 12-year-old baseball players throughout the United States. This tournament will do many things. It is expected to bring in over \$2,000,000 to the Winchester business community. While it is a unique honor for Winchester Baseball to host this event, it also presents some significant challenges. The number one challenge is finding 60 host families for ten teams comprised of approximately 150 players.

We are looking for good families to take care of two or three baseball players from August 11 or August 12 through August 17 at the minimum and through August 22 at the maximum. In particular, we are looking for families that have someone who stays home during the day who would be able to provide the care and transportation needed for the players. Retired couples, grandparents, stay-at-home Mom's or Dad's, etc... would be ideal.

We are also trying to find people who would share the daytime host family duties with another family who would keep the players in the evenings and nights. We have several families who would be able to keep players at night, but the daytime responsibilities are the problem due to both parents working.

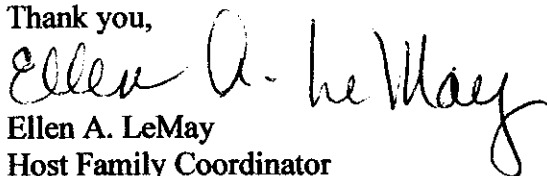
We try to keep each team housed in a general "neighborhood." This helps with transportation for carpooling, keeping the players occupied when they are not playing, and makes the players more comfortable because their teammates are nearby. This also helps the host families as they can rely on their host family neighbors to keep the kids when they have errands to run, a meeting to attend, a doctor's appointment, etc...

There is one extremely important issue that needs to be addressed. We do not know the identity of the teams playing in this international tournament. The players could be male, female, black, white, Hispanic, Protestant, Catholic, rich, or poor. Host families will receive admission badges for the 12-year-old World Series and a goody bag of groceries and other items to help offset expenses.

Being a host family is fun and rewarding, and it is also a significant commitment. I understand if you don't want to be one, but we simply ask that you please consider the possibility of opening your hearts and home to these players so they can receive Hoosier Hospitality at its finest.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and for considering the possibility of being a host family. If you have any questions at all or would like to be a host family, please call Ellen LeMay at 781-756-0583 or email at ellenlemay@comcast.net.

Thank you,


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